

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) Method for processing two or more decoded but not yet combined audio signals received or replayed from a bitstream, that each said decoded audio signals has a different number of channels per decoded audio signal and/or different channel configurations for channel to speaker mapping, and that said decoded audio signals are to be combined by mixing and/or switching before being presented in a final channel configuration, wherein to each one of said decoded audio signals a corresponding specific channel configuration information item is attached and the channel configuration information items for said two or more decoded audio signals can demand channel configurations conflicting with each other, said method comprising:

~~and wherein~~ controlling said mixing and/or switching ~~is controlled~~ such that in case of non-matching number of channels and/or non-matching types of channel configurations the number of the channels and/or the configuration type of the channels to be output following said mixing and/or following said switching is determined by specific mixing and/or switching information provided from a content provider or broadcaster,

and ~~wherein~~ attaching to the combined data stream to be presented a correspondingly updated channel configuration information item ~~is attached~~.

2. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said bitstream has MPEG-4 format.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)